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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Andrew L. Snizek

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 June 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 June 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement filed 6/20/03 has been considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim2, the phrase "may be" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. Examiner suggests to replace the phrase "may be" with - - is - -. to clarify this feature.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claim 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kovinskaya et al.

The applied reference has a common assignee with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome

either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention "by another," or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

Kovinskaya et al. teaches an apparatus and corresponding method of operation that generates a reference velocity to control a moveable arm (see velocity curve (V)) and figure 1 which based on the distance between a present location and desired location a derivative of the velocity, i.e. an acceleration to vary linearly with respect to time, see acceleration curves. With respect to claim 2, the profile of the velocity curve (V) as depicted is deemed to satisfy the claimed function. Re claim 3: the second function is deemed satisfied by the position derivative function as describes in column 4, lines 59-67. Apparatus claims 4-6 are drawn to the apparatus corresponding to the method of using same as claimed in claims 1-3. Therefore apparatus claims 4-6 correspond to method claims 1-3 and are rejected for the same reasons of anticipation as used above. The claimed motor as set forth in claim 7 is satisfied by the actuator motor arrangement including coil (114) depicted in figure 1. The claimed medium of claim 8 is taught by element (108) which as seen in figure 1 moves with respect to the moveable assembly. The limitations of claim 9 are satisfied by combination of elements (126 and 128). The claimed transducer set forth in claim 10 is satisfied by element (112). Due to the pivot point of the actuator as shown in figure 1 the head moves in a linear manner as set forth in claim 11.

5. Claims 12-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Brittner.

The applied reference has a common assignee with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention "by another," or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

Brittner teaches an apparatus and corresponding method as described in column 9 that determines a head velocity, compares the current velocity with the reference velocity, which is then scaled and combined with a deceleration signal that generates a command signal that is used to move the actuator. The deceleration signal is deemed equivalent to the claimed acceleration signal since both are based on at the change in velocity. Also, an acceleration signal can be inherently found by the derivative of the velocity signal.. As broadly as set forth the limitations of claim 12 are deemed satisfied by this teaching. The claimed current velocity, position and acceleration of the arm as set forth is also, deemed satisfied by the teaching as discussed in column 9 of Brittner.

Conclusion

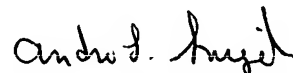
6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Ding et al., Supino et al. and Andrews, Jr. Et al. are cited as teaching related seeking arrangements.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew L. Snizek whose telephone number is 571-272-7563. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri..

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Hudspeth can be reached on 571-272-7843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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